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and the

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

Divisional Medical Officer,
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NORTHWICH,
Cheshire.

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and Divisional Medical Officer to the Mid-Cheshire and Runcorn Divisions

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URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF MIDDLEWICH

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June, 1969

To the Chairman and Members of the
Middlewich Urban District Council.

Dear Mr. Chairman and Councillors.

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the environmental health and sanitary circumstances of the Council's district for the year 1968.

For the information of Members I enclose my Annual Report to the Divisional Health Committee.

I would once again like to express my appreciation to Mr. Costello and the Council's chief Offers for their co-operation and help during the year.

I have the honour to be

Your Obedient Servant,

Medical Officer of Health.

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SECTION I

GENERAL AND VITAL STATISTICS

(1) GENERAL STATISTICS

Comparative Statistics - 1967/68

	Year	
	1967	1968
Population (Estimated)	7,960	7,980
Rateable Value	£278,736	£282,720
Product of Penny Rate (Estimated)	£1,060	£1,139
Number of inhabited dwellings	2,672	2,675
Area of District (acres)	1,971	1,971

(2) VITAL STATISTICS

Live Births	Males	Females	Total	England and Wales
Legitimate	78	72	150	
Illegitimate	4	1	5	
	82	73	155	
Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 population			19.4	
+Corrected Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population (Comparability Factor 1.02)			19.8	16.9
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total births			3.3	

Still Births	Males	Females	Total
	-	1	1

Infant Deaths	Males	Females	Total	
Deaths of infants under 1 year of age	1	1	2	
Deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age	-	-	-	
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 total live births			13.0	18.0

+ see Page 2.

Maternal Deaths (including abortion) .. .. Nil

Deaths	Males	Females	Total	England and Wales
All causes	41	42	83	
Death Rate per 1,000 population ..			10.4	
+Corrected Death Rate per 1,000 population (Comparability Factor 1.15)			12.0	11.9

+NOTE: The corrected birth and death rates are those which are obtained when the crude local rates are adjusted to make allowances for the way in which the sex and age distribution of the local population differs from that for England and Wales. The corrected rates are comparable with the crude rates for England and Wales, and the corresponding adjusted rates for any other area.

Causes of Death

		Males	Females	Total
1.	Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	1	3	4
2.	Malignant Neoplasm, lung, bronchus	2	1	3
3.	Malignant Neoplasm, breast	-	1	1
4.	Other Malignant Neoplasms, etc.	6	4	10
5.	Anaemias	-	1	1
6.	Meningitis	1	-	1
7.	Other Diseases of nervous system, etc.	-	1	1
8.	Hypertensive disease	-	1	1
9.	Ischaemic heart disease	9	9	18
10.	Other forms of heart disease	1	-	1
11.	Cerebrovascular disease	6	11	17
12.	Other diseases of circulatory system	2	-	2
13.	Pneumonia	-	1	1
14.	Bronchitis and Emphysema	2	-	2
15.	Other diseases of respiratory system	1	-	1
16.	Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	-	1
17.	Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-	1
18.	Other diseases, genito-urinary system	1	1	2
19.	Diseases of musculo-skeletal system	-	1	1
20.	Congenital anomalies	1	1	2
21.	Symptoms and ill-defined conditions	2	5	7
22.	Motor vehicle accidents	2	1	3
23.	All other external causes	2	-	2
		41	42	83

SECTION II

HEALTH SERVICES

(1) Information concerning the statutory and voluntary Health and Welfare Services in the area are given in the enclosed report of the Divisional Medical Officer. Further details may be obtained from the Divisional Medical Office, David Street, Northwich. Telephone number - Northwich 74251.

(2) HOSPITAL FACILITIES

The Middlewich Urban District lies within the area of the Manchester Regional Hospital Board whose offices are the Cheetwood Road, Manchester, 8. Telephone number - Deansgate 7271.

(3) GENERAL PRACTITIONER SERVICES

The District lies within the area of the Cheshire Executive Council, whose offices are at 28 Nicholas Street, Chester. Telephone number - Chester 23158.

(4) AMBULANCE SERVICE

The ambulance service is provided by the County Council and is under radio control from central control at County Hall, Chester. All 999 calls made by members of the public are immediately connected to this central control. The arrangement for non-urgent calls is that the patient or general practitioner should ring the Northwich Depot - Telephone number : Northwich 3355.

SECTION III

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948 - 1951

Section 47

Under this Section when persons (a) are suffering from grave chronic disease or, being aged, infirm or physically incapacited, are living in insanitary conditions, and (b) are unable to devote to themselves, and are not receiving from other persons, proper care and attention, the local authority may apply to a Court of Summary Jurisdiction for an Order to remove the person to a suitable place.

With regard to the expeditious procedure as laid down in the National Assistance (Amendment) Act, 1951, the Medical Officer of Health or any duly qualified person acting for the Medical Officer of Health is authorised by the Council to make the requisite application to a Justice of the Peace.

Section 50

Under this Section the District Council has the duty to arrange for the burial of any person who has died in their area, if no suitable arrangements for the disposal of the body are being made.

It was not necessary to take any action under either of these Sections during the year.

SECTION IV

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE

(1) NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE

The following are the infectious diseases notified for the year 1967 and 1968:

DISEASE	Cases Notified	
	1967	1968
Measles	21	9
Whooping Cough	4	-
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	1	-
Scarlet Fever	2	-
Pneumonia	--	1

SECTION V

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

(1) WATER SUPPLY

The water supply is provided by the Mid & South East Cheshire Water Board whose offices are at Weaverham Grange, Hartford, near Northwich.

The water supplied to the district was satisfactory in quantity and does not have a plumbo-solvent action. During the year 12 samples were taken by our own Health Department. All were bacteriologically satisfactory.

There are no dwellinghouses in the district supplied by means of stand-pipes.

(2) SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Work commenced in June on Phase 1 of the scheme for new sewage works and renewal of verious sewers and storm water relief sewers. The works in this phase, (provision for storm water in the Cledford area and the replacement of the Sutton Lane sewer), encountered bad ground conditions and was somewhat behind schedule at the year end.

A Tender was accepted for Phase 2 of the scheme, this providing for the construction of the new sewage works, this work to commence in the summer of 1969.

(3) CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

There are still 6 pail closets in the district and since they are considerable distances from the sewers they cannot be converted to a water carriage system until the new sewerage scheme is carried out.

(4) REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The Council has a weekly collection of refuse. During the year 139 dustbins with rubber lids were sold to householders. This service is of great help in assuring that each house has a proper bin which can be easily brought out and emptied. All bins are collected from the premises for emptying and returned afterwards. Collection of refuse is by two Karrier dual tipper vehicles, the last one to be purchased has also a compression plate.

Disposal is by tipping at Croxton, where free tipping is also provided for builder's debris and garden refuse. In addition the Council collects, free of charge, all surplus and obsolete items of furniture. An adequate quantity of soil was available for cover and in addition advice was sought from the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, re the formulation of insecticidal compound for use on the tip.

Salvage is kept separate and in the year a total of almost 103 tons of paper was baled and sold. Income for the year was £816 0s. 0d. of which 10% was shared amongst the workmen.

(5) PETROLEUM STORAGE

Twenty-two licences were issued for the bulk storage of petroleum. One tank ceased to be used and was made safe. Fees amounted to £58. All installations were inspected.

HOUSING

PROVISION OF NEW HOUSES

Private Housing

16 houses were completed during the year.

Council Housing

Chadwick Court (aged peoples grouped accommodation) was completed late in the year. This accommodation, all ground floor, consists of 20 single and 8 double units, together with a Warden's Flat. There is full central heating, a communal lounge, guest room, laundry and kitchen. The rent, including rates and heating was £3 0s. 0d. per week for the single units and £3 15s. 0d. for the double units. Initial difficulty was experienced in finding tenants for these units as most residents preferred bungalows. However, at the end of the year a small waiting list existed for this accommodation.

In addition the last four Kencast bungalows were erected on the sites of previous temporary prefab bungalows.

Near the end of the year contracts were set for the construction of 6 x one bedroomed bungalows in Dane Street and 19 x two bedroomed bungalows on the Chadwick Fields Estate. This development is occasioned by the construction of an Inner Ring Road, and will be used to re-house families from such a scheme, although the Council's system of transfers will operate.

Owing to the difficulties of sewerage, very few new properties can be erected until the new sewage scheme is completed.

Housing in General

There is no known overcrowding in the district. The average number of persons per dwelling remains unchanged for the third year at 2.98.

During the year the Council made loans on 16 dwellings under the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958. These loans amounted in total to £29,917. Six standard and 5 discretionary grants were made amounting in total to £2,229.

Slum Clearance

Numbers 1, 3, 5 and 7 Wych-house Lane, which had been condemned, were demolished and the site cleared. An "undertaking" was accepted in respect of numbers 15 and 17 Brooks Lane.

House Letting

The Council has a 'Points Scheme' for the selection of tenants for Council houses. Nine of the persons selected for Chadwick Court had been on the waiting list, 3 other families on the waiting list were re-housed and there were numerous transfers to more suitable accommodation. 9 further families were re-housed in connection with the Inner Ring Road.

At the end of the year there was a waiting list of 65 local persons of whom 14 were already tenants of Council houses and mainly desired bungalows, 13 were lodging in Council houses, 34 were tenants or owners of private houses and 4 were lodging in private houses. It is noted that there were applications from only 17 families in lodgings and these were mainly recently married families.

Housing Notices Complied with:-

Repairs to defective drains	2
Repairs to defective closets	2
Repairs to roofs	2
Provision of dustbins	139

Few complaints are received since, apart from Council Houses, the bulk of properties are owner occupied, very few being to let by private landlords.

Caravan Sites

There are no caravan sites in the district.

Common Lodging Houses

There are no Common Lodging Houses in the district.

Pet Animals Act, 1951

There are no Pet Shops Licensed in the district.

Scrap Metal Dealers Act, 1964

One dealer is registered under the Act.

Destruction of Rats and Mice

All Business Premises, Farms and most dwellings were inspected at least once and treatment given as required. Treatments at Business Premises are charged for, but private dwellings are treated free of cost.

A test baiting of 15% of all sewer manholes was made in conjunction with the Ministry of Agriculture and in no case was there any "take".

Very few complaints of rodent infestation were received during the year.

A Rodent Operator was appointed in February and after some training proved satisfactory.

Smoke Abatement

'Open Pan Saltworks'

During August the last three sets of works producing salt by the open pan method, were closed and no further production of salt by this method is anticipated. In the past therehas been intermittent trouble by smoke emission from this type of plant. No complaints were received during the year.

SECTION VI

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

Part 1 of the Act

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector).

Premises	No. on Register	No. of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Prosecutions
(i) Factories in which Sections 1.2.3.4. and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	-	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced the Local Authority.	42	10	-	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises).	6	4	-	-
Total	48	14	-	-

SECTION VII

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

(a) MILK

16 dealers are registered in the district under the Milk and Dairies Regulations.

The following tables show the results of tests on samples of milk taken by the County Council.

TABLE I.

Type of Test	Taken by C. C.	
	Satis.	Unsatis.
1. Methylene Blue	48	3
2. Phosphatase	9	0
3. Turbidity	0	0

1. Measures the keeping quality of the milk.

2. Measures the efficiency of the Pasteurisation process.

3. Measures the efficiency of the Sterilising process.

(b) ICE-CREAM

No ice-cream is manufactured in the district and the only ice-cream sold is pre-wrapped. 6 samples were taken in the district and were submitted to the Chester Public Health Laboratory, These were satisfactory and placed in the Provisional Grade as follows:

Provisional Grade 1 .. 5

Provisional Grade 2 .. 1

(c) MEAT

The only slaughterhouse is at Newton Hall. These premises are well maintained in accordance with the Construction and Hygiene Regulations. Veterinary Inspectors from the Ministry of Agriculture made a number of visits and were satisfied with conditions there.

103 visits of inspection were made and Inspectors of the Winsford Urban District Council deputised during the holidays of the Middlewich Public Health Inspector. This co-operation and help is greatly appreciated.

Inspection charges for the year amounted to £66 - 17s. - 3d.

No horses are slaughtered in the district.

2. Cases in which defects were found:

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Insp.	By H.M. Insp.	
Want of cleanliness (S.1.)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

OUTWORKERS

There are no outworkers registered with the Authority.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Insp.	By H.M. Insp.	
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)	-	-	-	-	-
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-	-

Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act, 1963

The Act applies to 66 premises, all of which have been registered. This is a reduction of 3 from the previous year. A total of 171 persons are employed in these premises, 46 males and 125 females. 24 visits were made in connection with this Act.

Tables of Carcases and Offal

Inspected and Condemned in whole or in part

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	23	127	538	34	709
Number inspected	23	127	538	34	709
ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS & CYSTICERCI					
Whole carcases condemned	-	10	4	1	1
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	36	4	3	8
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	-	36.22%	1.49%	11.77%	1.3%
TUBERCULOSIS ONLY					
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part of organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-
CYSTICERCOSIS					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	1	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with cysticerci	-	.79%	-	-	-

(d) Poultry Inspection

(i)	Number of poultry processing premises within the district.	1
(ii)	Number of visits to these premises.	126
(iii)	Total number of birds processed during the year.	167,320
(iv)	Types of birds processed.	Broilers
(v)	Percentage of birds rejected as unfit for human consumption.	3.35%
(vi)	Weight of poultry condemned as unfit for human consumption.	8tons-10cwt. 3qtrs.
(vii)	Number of killing days per week.	3
(viii)	Comments on poultry processing and inspection.	

During the year no adverse reports were received regarding poultry issued from these premises. The department was satisfied with the processing etc. carried out at this establishment.

At the end of the year this Company went out of business and all plant was removed.

Unsound Food

Condemnation notes were issued in respect of 2 tins of corned beef.

Disposal of Unsound Food

Condemned meat at the Slaughterhouse is stained green and then sold for animal feeding stuffs via an approved agent. Condemned foods at shops are collected and buried at the refuse tip.

Food Premises

The undermentioned food premises are in use in the Middlewich District.

Schedule of premises subject to Regs. 16 & 19 of the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960

	Number	Complying with Reg. 16	Reg. 19 Applies	Complying with Reg. 19
Butchers Shops	7	7	7	7
Bakehouses	3	3	3	3
Schools	4	4	4	4
Fish and Chip Shops	5	5	5	5
Grocery Shops	23	23	23	23
Fresh Fish Shops	2	2	2	2
Chocolate and Sweets	6	6	-	-
Public Houses	15	15	-	-
Clubs and Licenced Bars	3	3	-	-
Greengrocers	4	4	-	-
Chemist Shops	2	2	-	-
Slaughterhouses	1 (Complies with Slaughterhouse Hygiene Regulations).			

These descriptions only indicate the main type of food sold in each shop.

Registered Under Section 16, Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

For retail sale of wrapped ice-cream ..	24
For retail sale of sausages, meat pies, etc. ..	15
Dairies registered under Milk & Dairies Regulations, 1959-60	1
Registered Milk Dealers	16

All bakehouses and food premises are regularly inspected and are well maintained.

MEAT SAMPLES

6 samples of various meat products were taken and sent for bacteriologial examination. Five were satisfactory. The sixth, a sample of brawn was unsatisfactory. Only a small quantity was made by the manufacturer and he decided to stop production.

OTHER FOODS

The County Weights and Measures Inspectors took 40 samples of varied articles of food in the Middlewich Urban District Council during 1968. All were up to standard. No complaints were received from private purchasers during the year.

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Medical Officer of Health.

F. COSTELLO.

Public Health Inspector.

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MID-CHESHIRE DIVISIONAL HEALTH COMMITTEE

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DIVISIONAL MEDICAL OFFICER

FOR THE YEAR 1968

April, 1969.

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April, 1969

Madam Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report on the work of the Divisional Health Department during 1968.

The year has seen the appointment of an Area Nursing Officer responsible for the day to day administration of the Nursing Services in the Runcorn, Mid-Cheshire and Nantwich Divisions and the delegation to the Divisional Medical Officer of the responsibility for the co-ordination of the work of the members of the various sections of the County Health Department in the Division.

Liaison with other Health and Social services is improving all the time and the bond should be even closer when, during the coming year, Nursing Staff are attached to General Practitioners and the Divisional Medical Office moves to the Joint Accommodation block in Northwich in company with the Childrens, Education and Welfare Departments.

I am,
Your obedient Servant,

Divisional Medical Officer

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- Area Welfare Officer
- Area Children's Officer
- Mid-Cheshire Association for the Physically Handicapped
- N.S.P.C.C.
- Chief Public Health Inspectors
- Society for Mentally Handicapped Children (Northwich Branch)
- Moral Welfare

MID-CHESHIRE DIVISIONAL HEALTH COMMITTEE

List of Members - 1968/69

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Supervisor	-	Mrs.F.O.Moore, T.M.H.

Divisional Medical Office	- Tel.Northwich 74251/2
Adult Training Centre	- Tel.Northwich 75100
Junior Training Centre	- Tel.Northwich 74398

DISTRICT NURSES / MIDWIVES

Barnton	Mrs. S.M.Dorling, 30 Hayes Drive, Barnton.	Northwich 74080
Castle Delamere	*Mrs. P.M.Waterman, Lingmel, Chester Road, G/bank.	Northwich 74544
Davenham	Miss M.Buckley, 437 London Road, Davenham	Northwich 3027
Gt.Budworth	Mrs.E.Burgess, Dunkerry, Gibb Hill, Antrobus	Comberbach 400
Hartford	*Mrs.S.Lancaster, 12 Riddings Lane, Hartford.	Northwich 75685
Little Leigh	Miss E.M.Fishwick, 14 Brakeley Lane,Little Leigh	Comberbach 275
Lostock Gralam	*Mrs. L.M. Newsome, 20 Mere Road, Marston.	Comberbach 425
Marston	Mrs.W.Hudson, 2 Mere Close, Pickmere	Pickmere 638
Middlewich	Mrs.M.Taylor, 32 Sutton Lane, Middlewich	Middlewich 2350
	Mrs.V.M.Dutton, Walker's Green Farm, Sproston.	Middlewich 2174
Moulton	Miss V.R.Watts, 21 Eaton View, Moulton.	Winsford 2346
Sandiway	Miss J.Rigby, The Cottage,Glebe Rd.,Cuddington.	Sandiway 2252
Tarporley	Mrs.M.Stewart, 10 Eaton Road, Tarporley	Tarporley 553
Weaverham	*Mrs.M.J.Jackson, 9 West Road, Weaverham.	Weaverham 2278
	Mrs.A.Webster, "sarnia",Cartledge Close,Cuddington.	Sandiway 2513
Winsford.	Mrs. N.M.Haynes, 32 Beechfield,Moulton.Northwich	Winsford.2857
	Mrs.Thompson, 15 Townfield Crescent, Winsford.	Winsford 2519
	*Mrs.F.Andrews, 37 John Street, Winsford.	Winsford 2837
	*Mrs.J.Meadows, 8 Dee Way, Winsford.	
Witton	*Mrs.P.E.Edwards, 11 Woodlands Road, Hartford.	Northwich 74588
Male Nurse	*Mr. W.Hudson, 2 Mere Close, Pickmere	Pickmere 638

RELIEF NURSES

Barnton & Little Leigh	*Mrs.M. Reece, 26 George Street, Barnton.	
Middlewich	Miss G.M. Magee, 62 Sutton Oaks, Homes Chapel.	
Weaverham	*Mrs.D. Cooke, 2 Manor Grove, Hartford.	Northwich 75097
Witton	*Mrs. G.Stanway, 23 Beswicks Road, Northwich	Northwich 75049

* Indicates District Nurse only.

COUNTY MIDWIVES

Hartford & Castle	Mrs.D.J.Bailey, 11 Croxton Way, Hartford.	Northwich 75787
Weaverham	Mrs. R. Twiss, Epworth Cottage, Beech Rd. Hartford.	Northwich 74010
Winnington & Northwich	Miss D.I. Price, 38 Water Street, Northwich	Northwich 2314
Winsford	Mrs. J. Cross, 17 Conway Avenue, Winsford.	
	Miss I.A. Bremner, 204 Ways Green, Winsford.	Winsford 2548
	Miss P.M. Jones, 8 Wellfield,Wharton Rd., Winsford	Winsford 2766
	Mrs. W.A. Place, 22 Fairfield Road, Leftwich, N/wich.	Northwich 3050

CLINIC PROGRAMMES

BARNTON CLINIC. The Memorial Hall, Lydyett Lane, Barnton. Tel. Northwich 75639

Health Visitor - Miss K. Gosney.

Dentist - Mr. G.R.Collins. Tel: Northwich 75527

Dental Clinic - Monday a.m. & p.m.
Child Welfare Clinic - 2nd, 3rd, & 4th Wednesdays p.m.
Eye Clinic - 1st Thursday a.m.
Screening Clinic (by arrangement) - 2nd & 4th Wednesday a.m.

COMBERBACH CLINIC, Parish Hall, Comberbach.

Health Visitor - Miss K. Gosney

Child Welfare Clinic - 1st Wednesday p.m.
Screening Clinic (by arrangement) - 3rd Wednesday a.m.

DARLAND HOUSE CLINIC, Winnington Hill, Northwich. Tel: Northwich 74643

Health Visitors - Mrs.E.E.Conlin and Mrs. Robertshaw.

Dentist Mr. G.R.Collins.

Child Welfare Clinic - Tuesday p.m.
Screening Clinic - 1st Friday a.m.
Paediatric Clinic - 4th Monday p.m.
Speech Therapy - Monday and Wednesday p.m.
Dental Clinic - Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday a.m. and p.m.
Young Children's Clinic - 3rd Wednesday p.m.

DAVENHAM CLINIC, Methodist Church Hall, Davenham.

Health Visitor - Mrs. J.S.Freeman

Child Welfare Clinic - 1st and 3rd Thursday p.m.

HARTFORD CLINIC, Methodist Chapel, Beach Road, Hartford.

Health Visitor - Mrs. M.Robertshaw.

Child Welfare Clinic - 2nd and 4th Tuesday p.m.
Occasional Toddlers' Clinic (by arrangement)

LEFTWICH CLINIC, Farm of the Good Shepherd, Leftwich

Health Visitor - Miss M.K. Murray.

Child Welfare Clinic - 2nd and 4th Tuesday p.m.

LOSTOCK CLINIC, Lostock Social Club, Lostock

Health Visitor - Mrs. I.Harris.

Child Welfare Clinic - 2nd and 4th Wednesday p.m.

MIDDLEWICH CLINIC, 85 Wheelock Street, Middlewich. Tel: Middlewich 2165

Health Visitor - Miss M. Gourley.

Dentist - Mr. K.V.Shute. Tel : Middlewich 2596

Child Welfare Clinic - Monday p.m.
Young Children's Clinic - 1st Wednesday p.m.
Screening Clinic - 2nd and 4th Wednesday, p.m.
Eye Clinic - 3rd Tuesday p.m. and 5th Thursday, p.m.
Dental Clinic - Monday & Friday a.m. & p.m. and alt.Wednesdays a.m. and p.m.
Midwives Clinic - 4th Thursday p.m.

MOULTON CLINIC, Methodist Church Hall, Moulton.

Health Visitor - Mrs.M. Brown

Child Welfare Clinic - 1st and 3rd Wednesday p.m.
Screening Clinic (by arrangement) -1st Wednesday p.m.
Immunisation Session - 3rd Wednesday p.m.

OVER CLINIC, Grange Community Centre, Grange Estate, Winsford.

Health Visitor - Mrs. J.S.Freeman and Miss M.K.Murray

Child Welfare Clinic - Monday p.m.
Immunisation Sessions - 2nd and 4th Wednesday a.m.
Young Children's Clinic - 1st Thursday a.m.
Midwives Clinic - Monday a.m.

PARKFIELD CLINIC, Middlewich Road, Rudheath, Northwich. Tel : Northwich 2186

Health Visitor - Mrs. I.Harris

Dentist - Mr. R.H.Hurst.

Child Welfare Clinic - Thursday p.m.
Young Children's Clinic - 1st Tuesday p.m.
Screening Clinic (by arrangement) - Alternate Fridays a.m.
Midwives Clinic (by arrangement) - Monday p.m.
Preparation Classes (Ante-Natal) Monday p.m.
Eye Clinics - 2nd & 3rd Thursday a.m., 1st, 2nd & 4th Friday p.m.Occasional Tues.a.m.
Dental Clinic - Tuesday, Thursday & Friday a.m. & p.m.
E.N.T. Clinic (by arrangement) - 2nd Tuesday p.m.
Audiology Clinic (Mr.Buckingham) (by arrangement) - Thursday am.m
" " (Mrs. Martin) Alternate Mondays a.m.
Cervical Smear Clinics - Monday a.m. and Friday a.m.
Child Guidance Clinic - Mondays ' Tuesdays a.m. and p.m.

SANDIWAY CLINIC, Methodist Church Hall, Sandiway

Health Visitor - Mrs. Robertshaw

Child Welfare Clinic - 1st and 3rd Tuesday p.m.
Occasional Toddlers' Clinic, (by arrangement)

TARPORLEY CLINIC, Community Centre, Tarporley.

Health Visitor - Mrs. A.Corless

Child Welfare Clinic - 2nd and 4th Wednesday p.m.
Screening Clinic - 2nd Thursday a.m. (Alternate months)
Young Children's Clinic - 4th Thursday a.m.
Relaxation class - Thursday p.m.

WEAVERHAM CLINIC, Church Lane, Weaverham. Tel : Weaverham 3177

Health Visitor - Mrs. B.Vintner.

Dentist - Mr. G.H.Craine

Child Welfare Clinic - Tuesday p.m.
Young Children's Clinic - 3rd Monday p.m.
Screening Clinic (by arrangement) 2nd and 4th Friday p.m.
Midwives Clinic - Thursday p.m.
Preparation Classes (Ante-Natal) - Thursday p.m.
Cerebal Palsy Clinic - Wednesday a,m. and p.m. and Monday a.m.
Eye Clinic - 3rd Friday p.m.
Speech Therapy - Thursday a.m.
Dental Clinic - Wednesday a.m. and p.m. and by arrangement

WEAVER STREET CLINIC, 98 Weaver Street, Winsford. Tel : Winsford 2387

Health Visitors - Miss J.M.Gassick and Miss M.K.Murray

Dentist - Mr. G.M. Craine and Mrs. S.E.Scanlan

Child Welfare Clinic - Friday p.m.
Young Children's Clinic - 1st Thursday p.m.
Screening Clinic - 2nd Thursday a.m.
E.N.T. Clinic - 3rd Tuesday p.m.
Dental Clinic - Monday, Wednesday and Friday a.m. and p.m.
Audiology Clinic (Mr. Buckingham) - Tuesday a.m. (Mrs.Martin) Alt.Monday a.m.
Immunisation Clinic - 1st Wednesday p.m.
Midwives Clinic - 2nd and 4th Wednesday p.m.
Mothers' Club - 2nd Monday p.m.

WHARTON CLINIC, Crook Lane, Wharton, Winsford. Tel : Winsford 3213

Health Visitors - Mrs. M.Brown, Mrs.J.Moger and Mrs. J.S.Freeman

Dentist - Mrs. S.E.Scanlan

Child Welfare Clinic - Tuesday p.m.
Midwives' Clinic - 1st and 3rd Wednesdays p.m.
Eye Clinic - 2nd and 4th Thursday p.m., 2nd Tuesday a.m. 1st and 3rd Thursday a.m.
Young Children's Clinic - 2nd Thursday a.m.
Screening Clinic - 4th Thursday p.m.
Relaxation Clinic - every Wednesday p.m.
Cervical Smear Clinic - 1st, 3rd and 4th Tuesdays a.m.
Dental Clinic - Tuesdays and Fridays a.m.
Immunisation and Vaccination Clinic - 1st and 3rd Wednesday 1.m.

CHILD WELFARE CLINIC ATTENDANCES

The Sheldon report on 'Child Welfare Centres' published in 1967 made the following principal recommendations:-

(1) Infants should have a routine medical examination on first attending the clinic, again at six months and at about the time of each birthday until the fourth. These routine examinations should coincide with tests for specific handicaps.

(2) The Doctor and Health Visitor must continue to advise on infant nutrition and hygiene.

(3) Every effort should be made to develop Health Education activities within the centre.

(4) Doctors working in the centres require an understanding of the psychology of the family and should be able to give the time to listen to the anxieties of parents.

(5) The Doctor and Health Visitor have a unique part to play in the detection and management of emotional illness and in the counselling of parents of handicapped children.

As can be seen from the above there will be a change in the function of the Child Welfare Clinic with a decrease in the routine weighing of healthy babies, and an increasing move to the prevention and early detection of emotional and physical abnormalities of the child and the family.

This change is already being seen in the drop in the number of visits of children under the age of twelve months to the Child Welfare Clinics. Unfortunately there has been a decrease in the number of young children seen, but this is largely due to the shortage of suitably trained medical staff. In this connection it is pleasing to note that the County Health Department has held its first course on Developmental Paediatrics for Clinic Doctors.

As can be seen the fall in the sales of Welfare Foods continued and it is pleasing to note that the County Health Committee decided that the sale of Proprietary Foods should cease. It is hoped that the sale of 'National' Welfare foods will be taken over by voluntary agencies during the coming year.

The tables below give details of attendances and welfare food sales:-

	NEW CASES		TOTAL ATTENDANCES					
	0 - 1 Year		0 - 1 Year		1 - 2 Years		2 - 5 Years	
	1967	1968	1967	1968	1967	1968	1967	1968
Barnton	62	83	991	1,044	166	176	15	27
Comberbach ..	17	11	130	93	32	37	29	29
Davenham	27	35	372	363	104	122	63	37
Hartford	54	78	392	571	79	90	87	62
Leftwich	38	53	373	420	56	86	19	33
Lostock	47	45	470	391	72	100	45	107
Middlewich ..	137	181	1,468	1,594	379	258	266	79
Moulton	30	30	404	276	94	105	34	19
Darland House ..	108	100	1,625	1,288	373	218	239	203
Parkfield	164	143	2,110	1,021	209	231	58	107
Sandiway	89	146	843	1,609	141	255	83	30
Tarporley	46	60	402	646	114	140	156	65
Weaverham	136	76	2,071	417	385	52	266	70
Winsford	115	151	1,252	1,633	255	300	128	127
Winsford - Over	129	115	1,417	648	315	127	153	63
Winsford - Wharton	214	226	1,973	1,924	368	245	107	82
	1,413	1,533	16,293	13,938	3,142	2,542	1,748	1,140

Welfare Food Sales

Year	Value of Sales Proprietary Foods Sold only at Clinics	National Dried Milk (tins)	Orange Juice (bottles)	Cod Liver Oil (bottles)	A. & D. Tablets (packets)
1968	£5,263	6,250	13,980	961	1,092
1967	£5,956	11,464	16,428	865	1,261
1966	£6,251	17,207	15,296	855	1,490
1965	£5,395	20,910	13,991	1,022	1,744
1964	£5,007	20,969	12,733	1,016	1,712

OLD PEOPLES HEALTH ADVISORY CLINICS

Pending a policy decision by the County Medical Officer these were suspended early in 1968.

The following table gives details of attendances:-

Address where clinic held	No. of Clinics held	Total Attends.
Comberbach Memorial Hall, Comberbach.	1	8
Parkfield Clinic Northwich.	2	6
Darland House Clinic Northwich. ..	1	6
Weaverham Clinic, Weaverham.	4	19
Wharton Clinic, Winsford	1	5
Total	9	44

CERVICAL SMEAR CLINICS.

The number attending the clinics was disappointing but on the brighter side excellent co-operation was received from the Management of Cerebos Ltd. where 133 tests were carried out. Many women who would not have attended a clinic undertook the test and further approaches to factories are being made during 1969.

However, the possibility of introducing a comprehensive service for the whole of the female population of the County over 21 years of age, employing the Council's computer in much the same way as in the very successful immunisation scheme, is being actively pursued by the County Health Department. This may well prove to be a turning point in this service.

	Factory Sessions		Parkfield Clinic Northwich		Wharton Clinic Winsford	
	1967	1968	1967	1968	1967	1968
No. of Sessions held	-	10	64	59	25	24
No. of new patients who attended	-	133	673	462	243	222
Total attendances	-	133	673	554	243	224
Results of examination :-						
a. Nothing abnormal	-	133	672	553	238	214
b. For further investigation	-	-	1	1	5	10
c. Number in b. found positive	-	-	1	1	1	3

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The table below gives details of the various infectious diseases notified in each Council area within the Division during 1967 and 1968:-

	1967					1968				
	NR	WU	MU	NU	Div.	NR	WU	MU	NU	Div.
Dysentery	-	-	-	9	9	-	-	-	10	10
Measles	311	130	21	210	672	398	117	9	104	628
Pneumonia, Influenzal & Acute Lobar	2	-	-	2	4	4	-	1	2	7
Scarlet Fever	26	5	2	12	45	20	-	-	5	25
Respiratory Tuberculosis	1	1	1	1	4	4	3	-	-	7
Non-Respirary Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Whooping Cough	9	-	4	19	32	4	-	-	1	5
Food Poisoning	3	-	-	-	3	1	-	-	2	3
Encephalitis	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
Paratyphoid Fever	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Puerparal Pyrexia	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	11
Infectious Hepatitis	-	-	-	-	-	3	7	-	2	12

Dysentery

Northwich Urban District Council

Two separate outbreaks occurred, both involved fairly large families with young children. Fortunately there was no evidence of spread outside the family circle.

In addition to these a small outbreak of dysentery occurred in the Infants Class at the Junior Training Centre. The source of infection was almost certainly two children from a residential nursery who attend the Centre. As soon as the initial cases came to light investigations were carried out and a further three children were found to be infected. These were excluded and a strict schedule of hygiene instituted. No further cases occurred during the year.

Food Poisoning

Northwich Rural District Council

A single case of food poisoning was notified. The organism was Salmonella Virchow and the food involved was almost certainly chicken, although unfortunately none remained by the time the case was notified.

Northwich Urban District Council

The first case of food poisoning notified in January was almost certainly part of a family outbreak due to Salmonella Typhi-Murium. The diagnosis was not made until after admission to hospital and because of the time lag, it was not possible to trace the source of infection. No other cases or carriers were found outside the immediate family circle.

The circumstances and results of investigations in the second case, which was notified in September, were almost identical with the first.

Para-Typhoid Fever

A single case was notified in October, the onset having been in early September, Despite investigations no further cases were found. One possible source of infection could have been some temporary residents in the area, from the continent, who had by then left the area.

Infectious Hepatitis

Winsford Urban District Council

Two small outbreaks occurred during the year. One was concentrated on a street, the other in a class. The Ministry of Health agreed to release sufficient immuno-globulin to protect the child's contacts in both outbreaks.

Northwich Urban and Northwich Rural District Councils

The cases notified in these two districts were all isolated ones, evidence of the endemic nature of the disease.

TUBERCULOSIS

Two of the cases notified were individuals on the staff of schools in the Division. In each instance Tuberculin Testing and Chest X-rays, where necessary, were arranged for the children attending the school together with X-rays of chest for the members of the staff. No further cases were discovered amongst the contacts.

YEAR 1968	Northwich U.D.		Winsford U.D.		Middlewich U.D.		Northwich R.D.	
	R	N.R.	R.	N.R.	R.	N.R.	R.	N.R.
New Cases Notified (including Transfers)	1	2	3	-	-	-	4	1
Deaths	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Recovered	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Other removals from Register (left District etc.)	1	-	1	-	-	-	2	1
No. on Register at the end of 1967	20	2	26	4	10	2	35	1
No. on Register at the end of 1968	19	4	28	4	10	2	35	1

R. - Respiratory N.R. - Non Respiratory

VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION

During the year Measles vaccination became available and was offered to children aged one to seven years. In an effort to have as many children vaccinated as possible the parents of all children in this age group were asked if they wanted their children to be immunised. This was a considerable clerical task and despite additional help it did result in the slowing down of the normal school immunisation programme. Although a substantial number of children in this age group must already have had Measles the final number vaccinated was rather disappointing.

The Computer immunisation scheme described in last year's Annual Report was introduced to the Division on the 1st January, 1968 and most of the General Practitioners agreed to participate in the scheme.

The increase in primary vaccination against Smallpox is almost certainly the result of the implementation of this scheme.

The programme of immunisation procedure has recently been amended and now includes Measles vaccination and it is, therefore, hoped that as parents receive notifications for their children to attend for Measles vaccination the percentage protected against this disease, which does have serious complications, will rise during 1969.

Measles, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus, Polio and Smallpox Vaccination

	PRIMARY		BOOSTER	
	1967	1968	1967	1968
Diphtheria	2	14	200	97
Diphtheria/Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria/Whooping Cough & Tetanus	1,245	1,253	412	782
Diphtheria/Tetanus	174	137	917	483
Tetanus	1,091	648	155	190
Polio:				
Sabin Vaccine	1,515	1,359	1,921	1,346
Salk Vaccine	7	-	1	-
Smallpox:				
Under 1 year	58	8	-	-
1 - 5 years	424	876	15	51
School children	44	57	36	23
Measles	-	1,117	-	-
	4,560	5,469	3,657	2,972

Total Number of Protective Procedures carried out for Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus, Smallpox, Polio and Measles.

	Total by G.P.'s	Total by Local Authority	Combined Total
1967	3,725	4,492	8,217
1968	4,598	3,845	8,443

1966 2,286 children received primary or booster against Diphtheria
1967 2,950 children received primary or booster against Diphtheria
1968 2,866 children received primary or booster against Diphtheria

1966 3,151 children received primary or booster against Tetanus
1967 3,994 children received primary or booster against Tetanus
1968 3,493 children received primary or booster against Tetanus

1966 2,890 children received primary or booster against Poliomyelitis
1967 3,444 children received primary or booster against Poliomyelitis
1968 2,705 children received primary or booster against Poliomyelitis

B. C. G. VACCINATION

Details of children receiving B.C.G.:-

Year	Children Eligible	Percentage of Parents consenting	Percentage Abs. for tests	Percentage Tuberculin Positive	Percentage Tuberculin Neg. & Vacc.
1961	806	70	13	30	70
1962	1,326	76	11	28	72
1963	1,453	83	14	21	79
1964	1,031	85	15	19	81
1965	1,518	87	12	19	81
1966	1,626	84	10	16	84
1967	1,516	87	7	20	80
1968	1,598	89	10	16	84

SERVICES FOR THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

The services for the physically handicapped cannot be mentioned without realising the amount of voluntary help given and I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the efforts of all voluntary helpers, particularly members of the W.R.V.S., Mid-Cheshire Association for the Physically Handicapped and British Red Cross Society.

The Social Club, Handicraft Group, Cultural Evening Group and Swimming Club continued to develop during the year. The Mid-Cheshire Association for the Physically Handicapped organised a further holiday at Blackpool but undoubtedly the highlight of the year was the day trip to the Isle of Man organised by the Chairman of the Northwich Urban District Council. Members and helpers spent an energetic day visiting places of interest on the island and a 16mm cine film of the trip was made and shown to Club members the following month.

Plans for the future are very much dependant upon the opening date of the new Handicapped Persons Unit. It is hoped that Archery will be one of the new interests available to suitable members.

Work Centre

The Work Centre mentioned in last year's report was commenced as a joint project with the Salvation Army on one morning per week. Continuation was dependant upon an overflow of work from the Adult Training Centre contracts but the scheme was reasonably successful. Although payment to members was minimal the sessions provided another enjoyable and therapeutic outlet for the members time and energy. It is hoped that during the coming year the Work Centre will expand to one full day per week and that a greater variety of work will be available. We are, of course, indebted to the local Salvation Army for providing the facilities at a nominal rental and also for providing the volunteers to supervise the Group.

The following chart gives details of Club attendances during 1968:-

CLUB ATTENDANCES

	No. of members		No. of sessions		No. of attends.	
	1967	1968	1967	1968	1967	1968
Social	58	61	25	26	1,007	1,092
Handicraft:-						
Thursday	40	39	29	23	791	769
Monday	28	29	8	25	184	699
Music & Art	25	22	24	24	532	456
Work Centre	-	18	-	40	-	462

CAR BADGES FOR THE PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED

Persons who are seriously handicapped and can only walk a very limited distance are eligible to receive, upon application, two stick-on badges identifying them as physically handicapped. This scheme was introduced by the Ministry of Health in an effort to assist such drivers to receive extra consideration when parking, but it must be remembered that possession of the badges does not confirm any legal rights whatsoever.

Three applications were received during 1968.

ADAPTATIONS TO PROPERTY

The following table gives details of the number and cost of alterations during 1967 and 1968:-

	1967	1968
Number of alterations	24	39
Total cost of County Council	£719 10s. 11d.	£661 13s. 3d.

CARE AND AFTER CARE

Demand for aids was again heavy particularly for commodes, backrests, interliners and underpads. The following chart shows the total number of items issued during the year:-

EQUIPMENT ISSUED

	1967	1968
Number of items of equipment loaned ..	497	636
Number of underpads and interliners issued	18,950	27,600

CONVALESCENT TREATMENT

Four patients were sent for convalescent treatment during 1968.

DOMESTIC HELP SERVICE

During 1968 there was an increase of 13% in the number of hours worked and 8% in the number of persons helped. As expected the bulk of additional hours was allocated to the over 65 age group but, unexpectedly, the number of confinement cases was down.

The standard charge was increased from 5/6d. to 6/-d. per hour on 30th September, 1968 and the total income for the year was £159 more than in 1967.

A heavier demand or the service is anticipated during 1969 but in view of financial restrictions we shall need to be more selective in the allocation of help than ever before.

Number of Domestic Helps employed at end of year:-

	1967	1968
a. Whole time	Nil	Nil
b. Part-time	94	102
c. Equivalent whole time	27	32

	1967		1968	
	Cases	Hours worked	Cases	Hours worked
Aged & Infirm	358	55,115	396	62,934
Others	24	1,283	19	1,129
Confinements	9	156	7	142
	391	56,554	422	64,205

Income: £2,687 £2846

CHIROPODY SERVICE

The only significant change was a reduced number of physically handicapped patients and an increase in the number of elderly patients. The total number treated in 1968 was just over 3% more than in 1967.

	Over 65				Physically Handicapped			
	Patients		Treatments		Patients		Treatments	
	1967	1968	1967	1968	1967	1968	1967	1968
Surgery	352	374	1,855	1,830	12	9	50	44
Home Visit	372	462	1,654	1,831	37	27	148	118

	1967	1968
Number of cases in which County Council paid full fees	676	759
Number of cases in which County Council paid half fees	97	113

MID-CHESHIRE MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE

As a result of the County Council's staff training programme Mid-Cheshire has two Mental Welfare Officers and four members of the staff of Training Centres away on courses. When they return 50% of the Mental Health Staff in the area will be professionally qualified. During the year Mrs. F. Moore and Miss A. Davenport returned having successfully obtained their Diploma for teaching the mentally handicapped.

The number in attendance at the Junior Training Centre has continued to increase. For the first time there is a waiting list for admission to the Special Care Unit, which provides Day Care for the more severely mentally retarded who also have other handicaps. Parents' evenings at the Junior Centre have been very well attended, but in an effort to encourage parents to visit the Centre during the day, they are being offered individual appointments to meet the Supervisor and staff. This gives parents the opportunity to see their child at work; to discuss problems with the staff and ensures a continuity of approach to problems at home and at the Centre. This joint approach should materially assist both parents and staff in the social training and development of the child.

Further expansion at the Adult Training Centre will not be possible until the Divisional office is moved to the new offices in Northwich Town Centre. During the year industrial contract work increased so that it became possible to share some of this work with the Physically Handicapped. The Social Training programme has been much improved now that the two senior members of staff have successfully completed the Diploma course. Supervised visits for trainees to the Baths continued to be popular and an additional attraction during the year has been the use of the Gymnasium at the Northwich and District Youth Centre.

The Social Club for the older Mentally Handicapped under the direction of Mr. Belk, the Area Youth Leader, and a Mental Welfare Officer now meets weekly on a Thursday at the Northwich and District Youth Centre. Attendance averages 30 per week and members are able to participate in a varied recreational and social programme. One of the highlights of the year was the visit made to the Social Club for the Mentally Handicapped at Hazel Grove. The Club in Northwich is very well supported by volunteers from Secondary Schools and other Youth Organisations in the area.

With a view to relieving parents on a Saturday afternoon the Mid-Cheshire branch of the National Society for Mentally Handicapped Children has organised a session at the Junior Training Centre on one Saturday per month. There the parents of young mentally handicapped children can leave them secure in the knowledge that they will be cared for while they are shopping. In addition to voluntary lay helpers one member of the Junior Training Centre staff volunteers to attend these sessions.

Case discussions are held between the Training Centre staff, Mental Welfare Officer and Assistant County Mental Officers. These discussions are primarily concerned with social, physical and emotional needs and problems of the trainees and their families.

Mental illness continues to form the larger part of the work of the Mental Welfare Officers. During the year 376 new cases were referred to the service and social visits totalled 2,329. Co-operation with the hospital, General Practitioner and Social Work Services is satisfactory with regular contact and case discussions.

During Mental Health Week the Area Mental Welfare Officer held informal discussions with groups of mothers attending Child Welfare Clinics on topics relating to mental health. In addition a portable careers exhibition was displayed at Secondary Schools in the Division.

A P P E N D I X

HEALTH SERVICES

Details of Clubs etc. for the Physically Handicapped - further information being available on request from the Divisional Medical Officer:-

Handicrafts
Social Club
Music & Art
Swimming
Work Centre

Information concerning Cervical Smear Clinics, Domestic Help Service, Chiropody Treatment, Convalescence, Vaccination and Immunisation and services for the Physically Handicapped is also obtainable from the Divisional Medical Office, Tel. No. Northwich 74251/2

AREA MENTAL WELFARE OFFICER - Mr. G. H. Howard, C.S.W.
Brunner Guildhall,
High Street, Winsford.
Tel. No. Winsford 3346 and
Winsford 3787

Details of Clubs etc. for the Mentally Handicapped - further information being available from Mr. Howard:-

Thursday Club	-	Northwich & District Youth Centre, Winnington Hill, Northwich (Weekly).
Play Group	-	Junior Training Centre, David Street, Northwich. (Monthly).
Russett Social Club	-	Weaverham Clinic, Church Lane, Weaverham. (Fortnightly).

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Area Welfare Officer	Miss J. Scott, Weaver Hall, London Road, Northwich Tel. No. Northwich 3951
Area Children's Officer, Children's Department	Mr. D. A. Toombs, Winnington House, Northwich. Tel. No. Northwich 75243
Chief Public Health Inspectors:-	Mr. J. S. Carrie, Northwich Rural District Council, Council Offices, Whitehall, Hartford, Northwich. Tel. No. Northwich 74274
	Mr. T. H. Rogerson, Winsford Urban District Council, Over Hall, Winsford. Tel. No. Winsford 2021
	Mr. T. Baines, Northwich Urban District Council, The Council House, Church Road, Northwich. Tel. No. Northwich 2334
	Mr. F. C. Costello, Middlewich Urban District Council, Lewin Street, Middlewich. Tel. No. Middlewich 2571
Mid-Cheshire Association for the Physically Handicapped	Hon. Sec. Mrs. S. M. Rogerson, 'Little Moss', Cinder Hill, Whitegate, Northwich. Tel. No. Sandiway 2215

N.S.P.C.C.	Inspector A. R. Moores, 12 Moss Road, Winnington, Northwich. Tel. No. Northwich 74134.
Moral Welfare	Miss E. M. Mann, 98 St. Georges Road, Winsford. Tel. No. Winsford 2684
	Darland House, Winnington Hill, Northwich. Monday a.m. and Thursday a.m. Tel. No. Northwich 74643

MEALS-ON-WHEELS - Information regarding this service should be requested from:-

Northwich Urban District	The Centre Organiser (Mrs. J. Stott), Home Address - The Laurels, Norley Road, Cuddington. Tel. No. Sandiway 3361.
Northwich Rural District	The Centre Organiser (Mrs. M. Crill), Home Address - Box Hedge, Acton Bridge, Northwich. Tel. No. Weaverham 3147.
Winsford Urban District	The Centre Organiser (Mrs. F. C. Heaton), W.R.V.S. Office, 8 Weaver Street, Winsford. Tel. No. Winsford 2427
Middlewich Urban District	Mrs. R. W. Drake, (Meals-on-Wheels Officer), Chancery Cottage, Birch Lane, Middlewich. Tel. No. Middlewich 3232.
Northwich Branch, Society for Mentally Handicapped Children	Mrs. G. Preece, 61 Bradbury Road, Winsford, Cheshire.

LUNCHEON CLUBS

Luncheon Clubs are held as follows:-

(a) Northwich, Barnton, Comberbach, Davenham, Sandiway and Hartford

(b) Middlewich.

(c) Winsford.

Applications to:-

(a) Mrs. M. Rowe, The Salt Museum, Witton Street, Northwich.
Tel. No. Northwich 2393.

(b) Mrs. Bailey, The Bungalow, Newton Heath, Off St. Annes Road, Middlewich.

(c) Mrs. F. C. Heaton, W.R.V.S. Office, 8 Weaver Street, Winsford.
Tel. No. Winsford 2427.

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

Council of Social Service and Citizens Advice Bureau, Northwich.	Mrs. M. Rowe, The Salt Museum, Witton Street, Northwich. Tel. No. Northwich 2393.
Citizens Advice Bureau, Winsford.	Mrs. Gott, The Rates Office, Town Bridge, High Street, Winsford. Tel. No. Winsford 2706

SOLO CLUB FOR LONELY PEOPLE

Held on alternate Monday evenings at 8.00 p.m. at the George and Dragon Hotel, Witton Street, Northwich. Details obtainable from:- Mrs. M. Rowe, The Salt Museum, Witton Street, Northwich. Tel. No. Northwich 2393

OLD PEOPLE'S CLUBS	Secretary
Barnton Old Friends' Club, Lydyett Lane, Barnton.	Mrs. Jackson, 57 Mond Street, Barnton, Northwich.
Castle & Winnington Old Friends' Club, Barbers Lane, Queensgate, Northwich.	Mrs. Shaw, 7 Darwin Street, Castle, Northwich.
Comberbach & Marbury Over 60's Club, Memorial Hall, Comberbach, Northwich.	Mrs. Kellett, 'Freeleen', Marbury Road, Comberbach, Northwich.
Cuddington & Sandiway Old Friends' Club, Church Hall, Sandiway, Northwich.	Mrs. Tomkinson, 'Kedah', Chester Road, Sandiway, Northwich.
Darby & Joan Club, W.R.V.S. Civil Defence Centre, Hayhurst Street, Northwich.	Mrs. Edwards, Abbey Way, Hartford, Northwich.
Davenham Old Friends' Club, Davenham Social Club, Firth Fields, Davenham, Northwich.	Mrs. Rowe, 29 Firth Fields, Davenham, Northwich.
Hartford Over 60's Club, Hartford Church Hall, Hartford, Northwich.	Mrs. Sinclair, Malvern, Heyshams Avenue, Hartford, Northwich.
Leftwich Estate Over 60's Club, Farm of the Good Shepherd, Leftwich, Northwich.	Mrs. Lewis, 43 Meadow Grove, Leftwich Estate, Northwich.
Lostock Gralam Monday Club, Lostock Social Club, Lostock, Northwich.	Mrs. Morris, 3 Prospect Drive, Davenham, Northwich.
Moulton Old Friend's Club, Moulton Church Hall, Moulton, Northwich.	Mrs. Corwood, Mere Bank House, Davenham, Northwich.
Northwich Pensioners' Association, Gladstone Club, Northwich.	Mrs. Hornbuckle, 3 St. John's Close, Rudheath, Northwich.
Rudheath Old Friends' Club, Youth Club, Rudheath, Northwich.	Mrs. Stubbs, 'Inglewood', King Street, Rudheath, Northwich.
Tarporley Autumn Club, Community Centre, Tarporley, Cheshire.	Mrs. Wilkinson, Clifton House, High Street, Tarporley, Cheshire.
Weaverham Old Friends' Club, Weaverham Church Hall, Weaverham, Northwich.	Mrs. Marshall, 56 Keepers Lane, Weaverham, Northwich.
Whitegate Old Friends' Club, Whitegate Recreation Club, Whitegate, Northwich.	Mrs. Leadbeater, 'Wood End Cottage', Whitegate, Northwich.

Wincham Old Friends' Club Wincham Church School, Wincham, Northwich.	Mrs. Smith, 106 Pickmere Lane, Wincham, Northwich.
Witton - Darby & Joan Club, Bourne Methodist School Room, Witton Street, Northwich.	Mrs. Skellon, 46 Victoria Road, Northwich.
Winnington House Veterans'Club, Castle Park Dairies,Castle, Northwich.	Mr. Hatton, 'Woodgarth', Townfield Lane, Barnton, Northwich.
Golden Years, Air Cadets Headquarters Off Queen Street, Northwich.	Mrs. Croft, 403 London Road, Davenham, Northwich.

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Over 60's Club, The Institute, Queen Street, Middlewich.	Mrs. M. Hall, 75 Nantwich Road, Middlewich.

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Darby & Joan Club, Grange Court, Winsford.	Mrs. J. Hulse, 221 Crook Lane, Winsford.
Darby & Joan Club, Willow Wood Community Centre, Winsford.	Mrs. J. Hulse, 221 Crook Lane, Winsford.
Evergreen Club, The Community Centre, Grange Estate, Winsford.	Mrs. M. Coyne, 38 Moss Bank, Winsford.
Monday Club, Willow Wood Community Centre, Wharton, Winsford.	Mrs. Marshall, 'Wersencroft House', Crook Lane, Winsford.

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Club Rooms open daily in Middlewich

Fountain Field Sports Ground, building adjacent to the Bowling and Putting Greens.

Room adjacent to the Chadwick Fields Home, newspapers and periodicals available, also the use of a table for games.

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FAMILY PLANNING CLINIC

Family Planning Association Clinics are held every Tuesday and Wednesday from 7.00 p.m. until 8.30 p.m. at the Victoria Infirmary, Northwich.